कर्मियों से पूर्णतः इन्कार नहीं किया जा सकता । जब कभी भी किसी क्षेत्र या राज्य में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं के वितरण में कदाचारों से संबंधित सूचनाएं प्राप्त होती हैं, उन्हें राज्यों को समुचित कार्रवाई करने हेतु सूचित कर दिया जाता है, क्योंकि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के क्रियान्वयन की प्रचालनात्मक जिम्मेवारी राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों की है । राज्य सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्रवाई से संबंधित ब्यौरा केन्द्र सरकार नहीं रखती है ।

(घ) और (ङ) लेवी चीनी की समिति उपलभ्यता के कारण राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों, जिसमें बिहार शामिल है, को लेवी चीनी का आवंटन बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Supply of pesticides and fertilizers through PDS

3600. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 3 and 43 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th July, 1993 and 6th December, 1993 respectively and state:

(a) whether Government have any programme to enlarge the activities of public distribution system so as to supply pesticides, fertilizers, manures, agricultural implements and other requirements for the farmers through public distribution system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS *&* PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Central Government has no proposal to include distribution of pesticides, fertilizers, manures, agricultural implements and other requirements of farmers through PDS.

(b) Does not arise.

Consumer Affairs Courts in the country

3601. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Consumer Affairs Courts are there in the country as on 1st February, 1994;

(b) how many cases are pending before such courts as on this date;

(c) what is being done to expedite these cases;

(d) in how many instances have the Courts not been fully constituted; and

(e) what are the complaints against these Courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS *&* PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (d) As per information available with the Central Government, 31 State Commissions and 455 District Forums out of nearly 480 districts are functioning in the country. In addition, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission is functioning at New Delhi. The Act does not extend to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) As per the information received from some of the States/ UTs, a statement has been compiled and the same is enclosed. *(See* below).

(c) Frequent reviews, issue of instructions for gearing up the dis

posal, conversion of part time fora into full time and setting up of additional Districts Forums are some of the steps taken by the State Governments for the speedy disposal of cases pending in consumer courts:

(e) Delay in deciding the cases is one of the main complaints.

Statement

Name of the State	No. of cases pending in State Commissions & District Forums
Andhra Pradesh.	15039
Assam	1727
Haryana	4425
Himachal Pradesh	1847
Karnataka	11002
Kerala	10889
Madhya Pradesh	10424
Maharashtra.	13296
Manipur	18
Mizoram	12
Nagaland	NIL
Orissa	4567
Punjab	3967
Rajasthan	2457
Sikkim	7
Tamil Nadu	8000 (Approx)
Uttar Pradesh	35781
A&N Islands	15
Chandigarh	3210
D&N Haveli	12
Daman & Diu	NIL
Delhi	8389
Lakshadweep	2
Pondicherry	108